



Kenya Red Cross Post-Election Violence Update



Kenya Humanitarian Forum
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Statistics



Region	Camps	IDPs
North Rift	52	88,524
South Rift	117	87,119
Nyanza	13	3,866
Western	17	15,502
Central	32	5000
Nairobi	4	2,459
Total	235	202,470

Registration and Data Collection



- The process of data collection on-going in all major IDP camps that are under the Kenya Red Cross
- Nakuru Showground Camp has been registering new IDPs coming from Londiani, Laikipia and Uasin Gishu who are fleeing their homes because of unprecedented conflict in their area and cases of cattle rustling in Laikipia.
- A complete register for 4 districts i.e. Ekerenyo, Bondo Siaya, and Gucha has been released by the Nyanza region
- KRC is working closely with UNHCR, DCs, DOs, chiefs and sub-chiefs to be able to identify those who have gone back to their villages and give them assistance especially food
- In Eldoret, IOM and KRC are working together to harmonize the registration figures

Community Participation and Camp Committees



- A camp committee is already in place in all the major camps comprising of partners and IDP representatives.
- Plans are underway to set up and strengthen IDP committees in camps to assist in screening/ registration of IDPs, and monitoring of distributed food.
- Camp committees have ensured harmony between KRC and IDPs – but have also been instrumental in negotiating returns of IDPs to former places of displacement and livelihood support to returnees

Education



- There is a high enrollment and turn-up of IDPs in emergency classroom tents donated by UNICEF in major camps. Some IDP camps are nonetheless under-served with schools i.e. the Koru camp in Nyanza has one IDP school only
- Recreational and educational kits have been issued out in various schools that accepted to integrate IDPs into their learning program.
- Many of the students due to register for their O-Level examinations have filled the KNEC examination forms but have not submitted the forms as they do not have the registration fees
- The challenge remains in terms of examination fees, limited school facilities in some camps and food for IDPs enrolled in nearby schools. KRC requests help in exam fees



Distribution of Food

- Food distribution is on-going targetting IDPs in camps and returnees in the host community
- The food distributions are either one-month or two-week rations.
- The dispatches were from WFP, KRC and GOK comprising of cereals, pulses and cooking oil.
- Food has been distributed in various schools that have absorbed IDPs pupils and students in liaison with the GOK i.e. the Ministry of Education.
- Some well-wishers are donating fresh vegetables for vulnerable groups such as nursing mother, people on ARVs and children under 5
- Distribution is being hampered by population movement e.g. Endebess

Health Care and Health Education



- Ministry of Health has been working had in hand with KRC health team in all the camps in ensuring good health to the IDPs.
- The diseases recording higher morbidity rates are malaria, upper respiratory diseases, and diarrhea
- Preventive action by KRC and partners in camps has been deworming of children, immunization/ child care, nutrition to lactating mothers and children, distribution of sanitary towels, general inspection of the sanitary facilities, nursing care
- Some camps have reported cases of chicken pox, dysfunctional uterine bleeding, pelvic inflammatory disease, missed abortion and lymphoma.
- Cholera outbreak has been reported in Nyanza and a number of deaths confirmed. Mobile clinics have been set up in the region

Nutrition



- Nutrition is an aspect that is being covered by KRC health team and other partners such as; MoH, World vision and A.A.H.
- A screening exercise for children under five years old was conducted in the South Rift region, where their weights and height were recorded. Nutritional food supplement (unimix) was given to children who turned up for screening, especially to moderately and severe malnourished children
- The Nyanza regional activities on the other hand were focused on nutritional care and support targeting children for malnutrition and providing children and people living with HIV/Aids with nutritional food supplements
- Nursing mothers and expectant women were also screened. Health education was also given on importance of breast feeding, weaning and proper food handling.

Shelter and Non-Food Items



- Contingency plans for shelter are underway with the collaboration of implementing partners to mitigate the effects of the rains.
- UNHCR has pre-positioned tents and tarpaulins in all the major camps in the North Rift region. Leaking or weak tents and tarpaulins shall be replaced.
- Tarpaulins shall also be distributed to the IDPs in camps, starting with the most-vulnerable groups, to secure the floors of the tents against wetness.
- There is need for poles to strengthen existing shelter structures.
- Vulnerable groups shall also require additional blankets and mattress in the camps with the on-set of the rainy season.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene



- Water trucking, garbage collection, latrine unblocking formed the bulk of the activities by the WatSan teams in the IDP camps
- In most of the major camps, the stable water, sanitation, and hygiene has allowed for good observance of standards including cleaning of latrines/ bathrooms and collection of garbage.
- In some camps, the onset of rains has prompted the digging of drainage channels, expansion of sanitation facilities and constant hygiene education
- Some camps such as Bishop Muge camp has no bathrooms
- Pit latrines now need to be emptied frequently because of the rains – but the challenge still remains with IDP discipline in the use of toilets

Tracing



- Active tracing and follow ups has been going on in all major camps and children homes as well as registration and interviewing of the children.
- In the early days of the post-election violence emergency, the tracing team was able to help in donating coffins and transporting bodies to burial places
- After the situation calmed, the tracing teams have been helping in restoring family links
- Most of the tracing requests have been resolved successfully

Kedong Camp, Naivasha



Protection



- KRC together with UNICEF has been working together in ensuring protection of children in all the camps.
- UNHCR is conducting workshops on the *Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement* targeting GOK, KRCS, UN and NGO representatives.
- KRC is the only organization mandated by the Provincial Children's Office and the District Children's Office in registration of un-accompanied minors in order to avoid double registration.

Logistics



- The Logistics Cluster plans to deactivate on 3 April. WFP trucks in Nakuru, Eldoret and Kisumu will pull out by the end of March.
- M6 trucks are in operation deployed to assist in food distribution. Operational and service issues have also meant that some trucks are grounded awaiting repair.
- KRC shall continue to work with partners in logistics in all regions. Following the logistics cluster meeting held on 25th March 2008, the agencies in South Rift agreed to share vehicles whenever there is a need. UNICEF has allocated a 4 metric tonne truck to assist in relief movement for KRC.
- Plans are underway for additional warehouse for NFIs at NCPB; this is following the need for repositioning of NFIs from headquarters to Nakuru.

Prevention of Gender-Based Violence



- The Kenya Humanitarian Update Vol 12 reported that cases of Sexual and Gender Based Violence at Ekerenyo camp in Kisii were confirmed. KRC has established that women were particularly vulnerable to SGBV when going to fetch water outside the Ekerenyo camp
- At the 12th Stakeholders' Meeting held on 25th March 2008 at Kenya Red Cross regional office in Nyanza, the UNHCR reported that their team had visited the camp to investigate the alleged sex for food scandal. However, the team discovered that neither the Kenya Red Cross Staff nor its volunteers were found to have engaged in the alleged malpractices.
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- It was also reported that there were allegations that some members of the IDP committee could have been involved in such sexual malpractices with other IDPs. However there was no evidence on this and it was therefore recommended that a joint mission between KRCS, UNICEF and UNHCR be held to tackle the situation.
- UNICEF organized a Training of Trainers (TOT) on GBV and Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse in Nyanza region. The training is meant to build the capacity of trainers who will reach out to humanitarian workers in IDP camps and other people in the community to stop Violence and sexual exploitation.

Camp Security



- District and Provincial authorities in the GoK have been instrumental in providing security in new locations e.g. the new Tarigo camp emanating from Timboroa camp has been allocated 15 admin police by the DC
- There is nonetheless need to increase number of security personnel at some of the IDP camps to tackle consumption of illicit brews and substance abuse.
- Security in all camps needs to be beefed up, especially at night through electrification
- There are allegations of police stationed at the IDP camps are using excess force on the IDPs
- In some camps, equipment such as taps and water pipes have been vandalized and some tents found missing
- In Molo camps there are no reported cases of insecurity even though tension is still high in the outskirts of Molo i.e. Njoro and Mau summit.

Enhancing Livelihood Strategies for Self-Reliance



- Efforts has been put by some management committees in starting a polytechnic that would train the youth IDP groups
- Small businesses in the camp and a market place have been designated in most camps.
- Women Income-Generating Activities such as weaving baskets and singing exercises have emerged in a selection of camps

Endebes IDP Camp



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Youth and Recreation



- There is an existing Youth Resource Centre at the Nakuru ASK Showground IDP camp that keeps the youth's busy.
- Eldoret ASK Showground IDP camp and Timboroa IDP camp have recorded ongoing football and volleyball tournaments for both boys and girls.

Psychosocial Care



- Psychosocial support continues to be given to the IDPs in camps, together with counseling sessions.
- Group therapy sessions have been held for traumatized victims who had witnessed the killing of men in their home area while they were fleeing for their lives.
- Most of the clients have lost property and are reported to be angry and bitter
- One of the main concerns raised during the session was security and their future.
- Some of the patients have received one-on-one counseling about their personal needs and requirements

Peace-building and Reconciliation



- The GoK has been making initiatives in organizing forums to reach out to community members in promoting peace and reconciliation.
- The KRCS Nyanza Region and the stakeholders organized a grand cleanliness exercise to help bring the community together for peace and reconciliation
- Most of the Peace-building and Reconciliation initiatives have been conducted by the DCs. Some IDP efforts have been witnessed especially in Uasin Gishu

Camp coordination and camp management



- Camps currently having tents are kedong, Naivasha stadium, Baraka, Sawmill, Showground, Londiani and Afraha but the challenging bit is insufficient space to pitch tents at showground. Besides, Londiani, Baraka and Sawmill all other camps are fully set with adequate tents in place, water supply, drainage and security.
- At the new campsite in Londiani 250 tents were pitched in the course of the week and people moved from Londiani Catholic church and Londiani police station to the new site. However the relocation is still underway.

Eldoret Showground Camp



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Eldoret Showground after the rains



Eldoret! – IDPs to move from Arena



Blue Zone - Alternate site for relocation from Red Zone



Red Zone - Drained but Flooding!



Why IDPs had to be relocated

- As expected, Site A (The Arena) is flooding even as the drainage efforts are underway.
- The plan is to move all the IDPs in Site A to an alternate reserve site within the showground (see attached Contingency Plan Image).
- Initially the IDPs were afraid to have tents at the alternate site for fear of attacks. But this was before the power-sharing arrangement.
- Now three factors have informed the decision to move to the alternate site
 - There is stability and relative peace after the power-sharing agreement,
 - there are 50+ regular police and paramilitary deployed to the camp daily, and
 - movement to the alternate site would allow the Oxfam and Unicef team an easy time to properly address the drainage issues in the Arena.



Be Creative!

